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• Brunswick Juventus and Socceroo midfielder Paul Wade — off to Makedonia?

Tapai, Wade, Markovski to move?

Can you imagine Ernie Tapai from JUST, Paul Wade from Brunswick Juventus, John Markovski from George Cross, Allan Scott from Adelaide Hellas and Ally Dick from Frankston Pines all playing in the same side next season?

Pro Makedonia can. Makedonia looks set to bid for all five players but it is going to face stiff competition.

Tapai's contract with JUST expires this year and he has a maximum transfer fee of \$8,000 on his head. What a steal! Makedonia isn't the only club that recognises that. So do St George and Melbourne Croatia, among others.

Wade too has a maximum of \$8,000 and like Tapai his contract expires in November.

Early this year Sydney Hakoah and assistant national team coach Eddie Thompson was keen to sign Wade but Thompson missed the boat by a week for when he tried to contact Wade, the Socceroo midfielder just had signed a new contract with Juventus.

Wade's standing among NSL coaches in both Melbourne and

Sydney is very, very high. He's bound to attract plenty of offers over the coming months.

The same goes for Markovski, the teenage sensation who burst onto the NSL scene this year in a blaze of glory and finished the season in similar fashion.

There's only \$1,000 on his head and clubs have been queuing up with their cheque books to win his signature.

Scott could be one of the players on Adelaide Juventus's shopping list and Makedonia already has been in touch with him.

And Dick was approached by a Makedonia official recently but the 1986 Victorian Rothmans Medal and Bill Fleming Medal winner is off to Scotland soon for a five week holiday. No doubt, progressive and ambitious clubs will find a way of contacting him over there.

Melbourne Croatia is keen to sign Makedonia striker Sean Lane who is keen to play alongside Croatian striker Paul Lewis. South Melbourne Hellas offered \$35,000 for Lane earlier this year but the Makedonia committee voted to reject the offer — by just one vote!

Croatia also is chasing disgruntled St George striker

Stewart Porter, the six foot Scot who joined St George earlier this year from East Fife.

Porter and St George coach Frank Arok are rumored to have fallen out and Arok is understood to be prepared to sell him.

Croatia is trying to get permission from Arok to fly Porter down to Melbourne for the Croatian tournament to be

played there shortly. Croatia coach Terry Hennessy wants to play Porter in his team to get a good look at the striker.

Meanwhile rumors of unrest among some South Melbourne Hellas players continue to circulate. Among others, they concern Bobby Russell, Charlie Egan and Carl Halford. Egan, at least, would involve a huge transfer fee should he move but the way most Melbourne-based NSL clubs are

preparing for next year's 14-team competition suggests that there are clubs around prepared to come up with the money for the former Socceroo striker and prolific goalscorer.

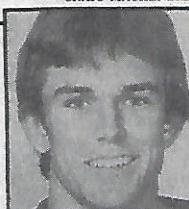
Hellas also is prepared to dip into the transfer market and its first big signing could be Lou Hristodoulou from Adelaide Hellas.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

FRANKEN SET FOR CROATIA

Socceroo goalkeeper Tony Franken (pictured) has agreed terms with Sydney Croatia but Franken's club, Canberra, and Croatia haven't agreed on a transfer fee.

Apparently, Croatia coach Vedran Rovac last week denied that his club was interested in signing another goalkeeper saying that it al-



pared to bid big bucks for him, even though Dunn is under contract to Hellas for another year.

Manis Lamond, the Croata striker, flew to Brazil late last week to start a 90-day trial with leading club Flamengo.

An East Coast Super League!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Prospective sponsors with cash to burn have approached the Northern NSW federation and asked it to set the wheels in motion for the formation of Australia's first East Coast Super League.

ASF, NSW and Queensland federation officials are up in arms after receiving copies of a letter, sent by the Northern NSW federation, inviting Canberra City, Inter Monaro, Wollongong City, Blacktown, Newcastle Rosebud, Canterbury, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City to join the new league.

The Northern NSW federation proposes that the East Coast Super League be a 10-team competition, involving the above-mentioned clubs, a club from Coffs Harbour and another from the NSW central coast.

The clubs from Coffs Harbour and the central coast would be formed with the sole aim of participating in the proposed new league. The Northern NSW federation already has been approached by businessmen prepared to form these clubs.

The reaction of the ASF and the NSW federation has been swift.

ASF executive director Brian Emery phoned Northern NSW secretary Helen Lewis last week and said that the Northern NSW federation had no permission to sound out clubs about the planned new league.

"We'll write to the Northern NSW federation this week just to find out what its intentions are and we'll be expressing our dissatisfaction with the proposal in its present format," said Aulden Brown, NSW federation secretary.

But Northern NSW federation treasurer, Ken McNeil, doesn't understand what all the fuss is about.

"Did anyone say that the NSW federation was wrong in approaching one of our clubs, Newcastle Rosebud, to join their State League next year? If it's okay for them (NSW) to do that then why isn't it okay for us to act likewise?" said McNeil.

"All we've done is sent a letter to clubs asking them to react to the proposal that a new league be formed."

"Some people approached us with the idea and we thought it was pretty exciting. We felt that teams kicked out of the National League this year weren't given a great deal of consideration and in terms of geography, Northern NSW is ideally suited to forming an East Coast Super League."

The letter sent to the eight clubs states, in part: "It is generally believed that the clubs being forced out of the NSL competition have not been given a fair and equitable opportunity of continuing in the National Soccer League or an opportunity to continue participation in a league of similar standard. Therefore, consideration should be given in banding together these clubs and other interested clubs to form their own Management Committee and run this proposed league."

"Should sufficient clubs indicate their willingness to participate in such a league a meeting of those interested clubs will be convened to discuss this league and to form a working committee and plan a commencement date of the league."

And the names of the clubs in the league will be geographic names.

"If our code is ever to develop properly and be identified as a top sport in this country, then we must get rid of ethnic club names," said McNeil.

The formation of the East Coast Super League certainly would be a revolutionary move and the Northern NSW federation seems to have gone out on a limb with this proposal, judging by the initial reactions of the ASF and the NSW federation.

Yet the roots of the NSL are steeped in rebellion. Perhaps some of the federation officials presently jumping up and down about the proposal should take a walk down memory lane. Unless, of course, that these officials believe that the NSL has not made a significant contribution to the advancement of the code in this country.



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(Juventus). Referee: Chris Bambridge (Victoria) 9.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 3, Dakos 7, Coady 8, Spanoudakis 7 — Phillips 8, Raskopoulos 8, Estavillo 7 — Soper 6 (Stankovic 75th), Zervas 7, Kalantzis 9 (Patalas 84th). Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS: McNally 9 — Shilabeb 7, Nyskohus 8, Flounders 8, Tobin 7 — Santrac 6 (Willie 78th), Mella 7, Villani 7, Vidmar 6, Maxwell 9, Mullen 7. Coach: Zoran Matic.

Adelaide City Juventus has the ability to recover its pose to cancel out its first leg one-goal deficit and claim the Olympic Airways Soccer League national championship from Sydney Olympic on Sunday when they clash at Parramatta Stadium at 3pm.

The odds will be stacked against the defiant SA club when it begins its uphill climb to right the wrongs of last Sunday's 1-0 home loss.

Not only will Juventus this time surrender home town advantage, but it will face an Olympic side reinforced by the return of suspended midfielder Stuart Johnstone.

Last week, Olympic battered the Juventus morale by nullifying its normally dominant midfield.

For the return game, Juventus must reassess that important authority and get its scoring mechanism into top gear.

Most teams would not be capable of such a comeback, but Adelaide City Juventus is a notable exception, because it is a side of immense character and courage.

Juventus coach Zoran Matic was a disappointed, but far from shattered man after his team went down 1-0 to Olympic before a packed Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday.

His: "We have lost the battle, but not the war," post-match statement was widely quoted.

This week he will set about the enormous task of putting back the pieces and repairing the damage.

There is nothing unusual for Juventus to have to come from behind. Ask the polished Footscray



• Sydney Olympic sweeper Tony Dakos — probably scored the most important goal of his career last Sunday.

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**Man of the match:
CHRIS KALANTZIS
(Syd. Olympic)**

JUST contingent which twice during the finals series had Juventus on the ropes only to be KO'd by a killer counter-punch.

Juventus was more than ready for the big occasion, but the strong wind did not suit its wide-to-the-wings passing technique.

Juventus persisted in trying to play wide, but its normal pin-point accuracy was lost in the swirl, while Olympic played it short.

The home side started the final with the backing of its best crowd of the year, but Olympic also had the support of thousands of Adelaide Hellas fans.

Chants and counter chants from the rival factions provided a superb final atmosphere and the players responded with a passionate display.

What the final lacked in fitness was balanced by a fierce desire to succeed.

With Andy Zervas called into the Olympic starting line-up in preference to Terry Patalas, it appeared that coach Manfred Schaefer was gearing for an away draw.

But those thoughts were dispelled in the first four minutes as Juventus goalkeeper Willie McNally turned a superb curling volley from Vicente Estavillo past the far post before dealing with a vicious drive from Chris Kalantzis.

Powerhouse Juventus defender Neville Flounders and Olympic striker Marshall Soper set the stage for a private war by tangling twice in the opening three minutes — a war which ended with both players being yellow carded before the end of the match.

Tony Dakos was the only other player to be booked during this highly competitive match, but the Olympic and Socceroo squad member had the honor of scoring the match winner for his side.

Dakos effected the big breakthrough 11 minutes from full-time when he bobbed up in the box to clip an easy rebound home off goalkeeper McNally.

The real hero of the goal was Kalantzis, who had accepted a swinging midfield pass from Gary Phillips to belt a left foot drive goalward.

McNally stuck out his left foot to parry the shot into the path of Dakos, who will possibly never score such a simple yet important goal in his career.

Perhaps it was the ease of the goal which prompted Schaefer to later claim Kalantzis as the scorer.

But while there can be no doubt that Kalantzis' effort was heading for the net, it was Dakos who made absolutely certain that the ball reached its intended destination.

Teenager Kalantzis was the driving force behind the Olympic success. His inventive left wing sorties were a joy to behold, while his willingness to chase and check opponents revealed a fine defensive quality and excellent understanding of team responsibility.

McNally was the principal challenger for Kalantzis' Man-Of-The-Match tag with his fine early saves and his encore performance just before half time when Olympic found its second attacking wind.

Socceroo Peter Raskopoulos also rated highly for his constructive midfield foraging as did fellow midfielder Phillips.

Estavillo showed his

But a comeback is on for the side with courage and character

Allan Crisp



• Steve Maxwell — his attempt was cleared off the line by Mike Coady.



• Neville Flounders — ended up winning his battle with Olympic's Marshall Soper.

class, but his was a staccato performance as he drifted in and out of the proceedings.

Apart from McNally, Juventus was best served by Flounders, who won the battle with Soper, and the ever reliable Juventus captain Bugsy Nyskohus.

Schaefer quite correctly assessed that Olympic was worth a goal win, but Juventus might just have grabbed an equalizer had Steve Maxwell's attempt off the line in the 73rd minute.

"We played well — not as well as we should have played and yet we still should have led 2-0," said Schaefer.

"It had to be a let-down this week after coming back from last week when we won the Northern Division championship, but we didn't let City upset us."

Schaefer said he was not greatly perturbed when he was locked out of Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday afternoon when he took his team for a training run.

"Adelaide is a friendly city and I'm a friendly person," he said, but he sounded quite the reverse when he was quizzed on the lockout on Saturday evening on both radio and television.

The official reason given for not allowing Olympic access to Hindmarsh Stadium was that the centre piece logo had just been painted and it was feared it could be damaged if trodden upon.

Well, Olympic left its mark on the Hindmarsh turf in no uncertain manner last Sunday.

Adelaide City Juventus has the ability to do likewise at the plush Parramatta Stadium this Sunday.

AIS wingers tear George Cross apart

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AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 3 (Polak 24th, Foster 40th, 69th) GEORGE CROSS 0. National Youth Final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 1,200. Caution: J. Markovski (GC). Referee: Allan Kibbler 8.

AIS: Gunnig 7 (inj. Mower 69th) — Healy 7 (R. Runje 75th), Cummings 7, Reynolds 7, G. Nielsen 8 (inj. Cook 8), Mullen 8 (T. Green 75th), Foster 7, Trimble 8, van Blark 8. Coach: Jim Shouldar.

GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 7 — Napoli 7, Martin 6, T. Markovski 6, Faizan 6 (inj. Zopoulos 77th), Magarelli 6 (Maticevski 75th), Magarelli 6 (Georgievski 75th), J. Markovski 6 — B. Bozinovski 7, Jankulovski 7. Coach: Jimmy Reck.

The Australian Institute of Sport team completely destroyed George Cross's hopes of winning the National Youth Final with a classy display.

The AIS team used just two players in midfield — Jason Polak and John Koch — and played with two wide men up front — Tim Mullen and Jason van Blark.

That tactic stretched Cross at the back.

**Man of the match:
PAUL FOSTER
(AIS)**

In the 24th minute, Polak ran onto a Paul Foster pass, rounded a defender, then slotted the ball low past Sean Keogh to open the scoring.

The AIS lads went further ahead five minutes before the interval. The Paul Trimble got to the back line sent over a superb far post chip, presenting Foster with a simple header and Foster made no mistake.

In the second half, Cross staged a mini revival and in the 60th minute created its best chance but Tom Markovski headed wide.

Nine minutes later, the final was over. A superb piece of interpassing by the AIS ended with Trimble releasing Foster whose first time, dipping shot flashed over Keogh's head and into the back of the net to make it 3-0.



• Second Division champion Yugal, which has to wait until the end of the 1987 season to be promoted to the NSW State League. Back row: Mile Matic (manager), Ron Gogic, Andrew Mandritis, Jimmy Ziras, Frank Valestro, Rosario Pinto, Glen Biolo, Stan Tonoski, Dez Marton (player-coach). Front: Chris Card, Tony Sunjic, Scott Watson, Eddie Pahor, Ljubo Zivkovic, Doug MacKenzie.

Yugal and Granville Chile to wait until '88 for promotion!

NSW clubs Yugal and Granville Chile, champions of Second and Third Division respectively, won't be promoted until 1988.

That was the shock news released last week by the NSW federation which decided that First, Second and Third Division would become 14-team competitions for 1987.

The NSW State League (First Division) will comprise the top eight clubs and 11 clubs promoted from the National League — Blacktown, Wollongong, Canberra, Inter Monaro, Canterbury and Newcastle Rosebud.

Yet, those six ex-NSL clubs haven't formally accepted invitations from the NSW federation to join State league and have been approached to join a proposed East Coast Super League as pointed out in our front page story.

Avala, Polonia, Penrith and Fairy Meadow have been relegated to Second Division and will join the top 10 clubs from that league. Artarmon and Canterbury have been relegated to Third Division and will join the top 11 clubs in that league. King Tomislav has been relegated from Third Division and inter-urban First Division champion Concordia promoted.

There are bound to be shock waves caused by the NSW federation's decision not to promote Yugal and Granville Chile this year, but to promote them at the end of the 1987 season, along with the winners of next season's Second and Third Division competitions.

The ramifications of that decision could be most interesting. Consider this scenario:

Yugal and Granville Chile, knowing that no matter how they fare next season they will be promoted, decide to save money by dumping some of their more expensive players and developing their youngsters for the 1988 season. What happens if they finish bottom of their respective leagues?

The answer is simple — the second and third last clubs in those leagues will be relegated. What a situation that would leave us with, say, third last clubs were many points ahead of the second last club and both Yugal and Granville Chile only to find themselves relegated while Yugal and Granville Chile are promoted!

Yet the NSW federation will stand by last week's decision.

Here, then are the revamped leagues for next season:

FIRST DIVISION: Melita Eagles, Manly, Rockdale Illinden, Sutherland, Ku-Ring-Gai, Macdonald, Wollongong, Freshwater, Urutuay, Auburn, Blacktown, Wollongong City, Canberra, Inter Monaro, Canterbury and Newcastle Rosebud.

SECOND DIVISION: Polonia, Avala, Penrith, Fairy Meadow, Yugal, Gladysville, North Bankstown, Kingsford, Blacktown Utd, Dee Why, Campbelltown, Queens Park, Lebanon and Bathurst.

THIRD DIVISION: Artarmon, Canterbury, Granville, Chile, Rooty Hill, Bondi Marine, North Ryde, West Utd, Campbelltown, Mount Druitt, Uni of NSW, Baulkham Hills, Port Hacking, Moorebank and Concordia.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

AIS issue has VSF in a fix

The immediate fate of many Victorian clubs was decided last night (Tuesday) by a State League board of management meeting called to formulate a recommendation on the structure of the 1987 State League.

That recommendation will be presented before a meeting of the VSF board of management and is almost certain to be adopted.

The State League board meeting had to consider whether or not to accommodate a team from the Australian Institute of Sport in next year's competition.

Unfortunately, Press deadlines prevent us from bringing you the meeting's recommendation. But we can tell you many aspects of the arguments presented for and against including an AIS team in State League.

VSF chairman Michael Weinstein has been in close contact with AIS director of soccer, Jimmy Shoulder, for some weeks now and the AIS is prepared to either play all its games in Victoria or subsidise the travelling costs of the present State League clubs when they go to Canberra.

The AIS also doesn't care whether or not it plays for points within the State League competition.

"It may be the case that the State League board of management accepts the AIS into the league but that the AIS and the other State League clubs play in a separate competition, the points from which go toward a certain trophy," said Weinstein.

I heard that there could be sponsorship involved if the AIS played in State League and this could be what Weinstein was hinting at with the words "a certain trophy".

The matches between all other State League clubs would be part of the normal State League competition.

The State League board is split over the AIS matter. That's apparent after conversations I've had with board members recently.

Some wonder what the AIS can do for the State League competition. They claim that the benefit is extremely remote. That State League offers the AIS good standards of competition which to continue the development of its young players but that the AIS has nothing in return to offer State League clubs. Certainly, the problem of dwindling crowds in State League won't be helped by the presence of an AIS team.

But the problems for the State League board don't stop there.

Currently, there are 15 teams in the league — Melbourne Hungaria and Ringwood Wilhelmina have been promoted and Oakleigh and Broadmeadows have been promoted from First Division to join the other 12 State League clubs and Green Gully, which has lost its NSL status.

Let's say that the State League board decided to include the AIS to make it a 16-team competition. If it doesn't, then a vacancy will be created and you can bet your life that the third-placed

First Division club — Broadmeadows — will want to fill it. So let's say that we've got a 16-team league next year, but at the end of the season a Melbourne-based club is relegated from the NSL and a Victorian club doesn't take its place. That would leave us with a 17-team State League, and can this annual restructuring simply go on until the NSL folds altogether?

If the cynics are wrong and the NSL goes on for years to come, clearly the State League can't keep getting larger. Eventually, there could be an uneven number of teams in the league, meaning that there would be a bye each league round.

The VSF has to say "stop" at some stage. Now could be the time.

The State League board also had to consider whether or not it was in its interests to leave the competition in its current 15-team format.

Either way, it's a tough decision for those board members to make.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Rasic wants two strikers

"Everyone's talking about us signing Frank Farina but I can honestly tell you that we haven't even discussed the matter with Farina."

So says APIA boss Rale Rasic. But Rasic has signed a midfielder from a rival Sydney club. He won't release the player's name until the player's commitments with his club are over later this month.

"It's no secret that we are looking for two more players up front because that's where we are weakest," said Rasic.



• Frank Farina

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• 'Soccer Action's' 1986 NSW State League Team of the Year, back row: Craig Burchmore, Leigh Watson, Brett Woods, Larry Berringer, Vladimir Torevski, Zlatko Nastevski, Jurek Drys, Andrew Lacey, Sellar. Front row: Anthony Wellbourne, Ray Farrugia, Peter Terry, Petar Marjanovic, Jim Campbell, Radovan Filipovic, Aytec Genc. All the players received commemorative medallions to mark their selection in the team announced at the first ever State League awards conducted by a soccer publication. Pictures: ALEX VESIC.



FARRUGIA, WELLBOURNE, NASTEVSKI, HOGGART



• Zlatko Nastevski (left) of Rockdale Ilinden, receives his Top Goalscorer award from Mick Marjanovic on behalf of Inway Pty Ltd, a Caltex company.

Ray Farrugia, Melita's midfield maestro, has won "Soccer Action's" inaugural NSW State League Player of the Year award. Farrugia won the award by one point from Uruguayan Auburn's Brett Woods, the 1986 NSW Rothmans Medal winner.

Some 200 guests crammed into the Fraternity Bowling and Recreation Club in Fairy Meadow last Saturday night to honor the winning players in various categories and the best coach for 1986.

Under-21 Player of the Year, Top Goalscorer for 1986, Player of the Year as well as State League Coach of the Year awards were announced.

This not only is the first awards night at State level conducted by any soccer publication, but also the first to break the traditional sexist barrier and there were many ladies in attendance.

Instead of long speeches, the time between the presentation of the awards was taken to the dance floor, while the food and wine did the rest to make this a memorable night for all.

NSW State League awards night turns out to be a winner



NSW State League awards night with ALEX VESIC

South Coast, spent some time at Blacktown and was regarded as one of its best coaches.

He returned to the South Coast to try his luck with Macedonias and his sudden rise in stature has had a few clubs come forth with cheque books at the ready. And while his future is in the hands of his club, the South Coast boasted the younger man's success with all of the local media tipping Wellbourne to win the award.

Anselmo Papozzo, the president of the Fraternity Bowling and Recreation Club, presented young Wellbourne with \$300 from the Fraternity Club and a plaque from "Soccer Action" as well as a medalion for winning a place in the Team of Year. It was a big night for the young man from Dapto.

He confided later that early in his career he almost gave the game away. "I didn't look like making the grade and was contemplating retiring from soccer at the ripe old age of 14."

I am sure Wollongong Macedonias and all of the South Coast, including members of the Wellbourne family who turned out in force at the Fra-

tinity Club, were glad he didn't.

Zlatko Nastevski of Rockdale Ilinden, with his incredible tally of 22 goals, won the Top Goalscorer's award.

He received a plaque from "Soccer Action" as well as a medalion for being a member of the State League Team for 1986. He also received a \$500 cheque from Inway Pty Ltd, the Caltex Service Station at North Wollongong with Mick Marjanovic, the owner, presenting Nastevski with his award.

An ex-Vardar Skopje player, Nastevski also played with Pelester in the Yugoslav Second Division before coming to Australia to join Rockdale Ilinden.

Dennis Hoggart, coach of Melita Eagles, was the best coach in State League in 1986, according to the votes of other coaches in the league.

After interviewing 10 coaches in the league it was apparent that nobody could beat Hoggart who had polled seven three votes and his 23 votes to his nearest rival, Tadej of Rockdale Ilinden and John Lomax of Sutherland finished second and third respectively.

Hoggart received his award from Tim Bradhurst, area manager of Caltex in Wollongong. He was presented with a plaque from "Soccer Action" and a \$200 cheque from Caltex.

Melita won the First and Second Grade premierships with its Third Grade side finishing runner-up. Melita also won the Second and Third Grade championships and lost the Grand Final to Sunlited in First Grade. Needless to say, Hoggart's club won the Club Premiership for 1986.

Well done, Dennis!

Player of the Year votes

"Soccer Action's" 1986 NSW State League Player of the Year voting:

- 26 — Ray Farrugia (Melita Eagles)
- 25 — Brett Woods (AU)
- 24 — Vladimir Torevski (RI)
- 22 — Zlatko Nastevski (RI)
- 21 — Anthony Wellbourne (WM), Radovan Filipovic (AU)
- 18 — Aytec Genc (AU)
- 16 — Craig Burchmore (S)
- 15 — Leigh Watson (K), Jurek Drys (P), Jim Campbell (MW)

- 13 — Ian Burrows, Peter Terry (S), Craig Williams (ME)

- 12 — Larry Berringer, Petar Marjanovic (FM), Alex Bottalico (WF), Paul Marshall, John Dick (MW), John Bingham (VM), Don Campbell (PC)
- 11 — David Watt (WF), Andrew Lacey (K), Drago Tomasich (AU)
- 10 — Ricky Peil (FM), Zoran Blazic (A), Alex Jamieson (PC), Chris Talevski (WM)

Sharks boss throws down the gauntlet!

Peter Gray, president of Sutherland Sharks, was so impressed with "Soccer Action's" Team of the Year he offered to outfit the NSW State side if a challenge match between NSW and a Victorian State League Team of the Year could be organised!

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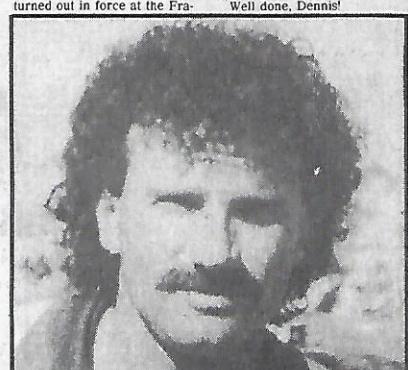
NSW and Victoria, traditionally bitter rivals, could provide a potentially crowd-pleasing contest.

Mr Gray, incidentally, not only is the president of Sutherland but he also is the managing director for Patrick, the popular sportswear company.

Hmm, the Patrick Challenge? Now, that's not a bad idea.



• Anthony Wellbourne (right) of Wollongong Macedonias, receives his Under-21 Player of the Year award from Anselmo Papozzo, president of the Fraternity Bowling and Recreation Club. At the microphone is Les Murray who compered the awards night.



• Melita Eagles' midfield maestro Ray Farrugia — won the Air Malta Player of the Year award by one vote from Brett Woods.

NOT ENOUGH GREEKS!

A Victorian Select, coached by Brian Garvey of Heidelberg, will take on Frank Arok's Socceros at Olympic Park No. 1 next Wednesday, October 22, in a game in aid of the victims of the recent earthquake in Kalamata in Greece.

The Victorian Select was announced this week and surprisingly includes just three Greeks — Theo Selemidis and Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg and Angie Postecoglou of Geelong.

So why weren't Steve Tasios and Manny Angelakakis of South Melbourne, Stefanos Tsolakis of Brunswick Juventus Costa, Theodoropoulos of Green Gully and Con Pappas of Heidelberg selected?

And, as the title of the team suggests, if it's a Victorian Select, what was wrong with selecting some Greek players from State League? I'm aware a couple of players from both Caulfield City and Northcote could have been selected.

The present selection suggests that the organisers are

hoping that ethnic communities other than simply the Greeks will support this worthwhile cause.

The Victorian Select is:

GK: Yakha Banovic (Juventus), Phil Traianedes (Makedonia).

D: Tyrone James (George Cross), George Hannah (Croatia), Steve Blair (Hellas), Ian Dobson (Makedonia), John Yzendoorn (Juventus), Angie Postecoglou (Hellas).

M: Theo Selemidis (Heidelberg), Vlakto JUST, Don MacLaren (George Cross), Scott Fraser (Green Gully).

F: Josip Bistik (Croatia), Peter Tsolakis (Heidelberg), Charlie Egan (Hellas), Sean Lane, Steve Smith (Makedonia).

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

SOTIRIOU FOR SOUTHAMPTON

The spirit of adventure which took Craig Johnston to a regular place in the English First Division has not forsaken Australia.

Sam Sotiriou, a 14-year-old from St. George, is the latest to have an application approved to train with a leading English club.

Sotiriou will leave next month to trial with Southampton among the apprentices and Juniors.

"At this stage, I will be staying five weeks with the club but will stay longer if they ask," he said.

The teenager will be following the footsteps of team-mate Stephane Jee who has just returned after training in England and who has earned selection in the Australian under-16 team to contest the world under-16 championships.

"I want to see how hard it is and whether I can last the distance. I know there's a lot of discipline and want to learn how to cope with it," said Sotiriou.

"There was an earlier invitation to take part in a junior tournament last August but my father decided I would learn more staying five weeks

playing in a tournament lasting one week."

The family has been closely involved in the progress of their son and built special goalposts and a net in the backyard of their Kogarah home to enable him to practice.

Heading and accuracy in placements were the main parts of his workouts, apart from fetching the ball when it sliced into nearby homes.

"We like the style of English football and thought it would be the best training ground for Sam," said his father Andrew.

"He's got to be prepared to work hard but he's determined and has a great deal of activity. Most of his normal training for the St George under-15 side is done with the youth team."

"Sam has also watched the progress of other top Australians like Craig Johnston and David Mitchell and wants to see whether he can make it."

St. George coach Frank Arok has given assistance to the youngster with advice and information and also will be keeping an eye on his progress.

— TED SIMMONS

VIVA ITALIA!

With ROCKY DI ZIO



La Juventus di Adelaide ha perso dimisura il primo incontro con il Sydney Olympic valevole per il titolo nazionale. Ma non è necessariamente detto che abbia già perso la corsa al prestigioso titolo.

Domenica scorsa, di fronte ad oltre diecimila spettatori, gli uomini di Matic hanno dimostrato di risentire la dura ascesa alla finalissima nazionale che si è dimostrata massacrante per la piccola rosa di titolari. La direzione tecnica, i giocatori non erano in buone condizioni fisiche, ma hanno dovuto scendere in campo per mancanza di rincalzi.

La settimana di riposo potrebbe migliorare la situazione al punto che i bianconeri causerebbero una grossa sorpresa domenica prossima 21 Parramatta Stadium di Sydney.

La partita di domenica scorsa ha visto la difesa della Juventus neutralizzare il pericoloso Soper, ma la barriera è stata superata al centrocampo dove, Meltz, in non perfette condizioni fisiche, è stato molto al di sotto del suo solito.

Quindi un'altra partita rimane per ufficialmente por fine alla stagione 1986 della Lega Nazionale. L'ultima, del torneo a due gironi. Dal 1987 si tornerà al girone unico con 14 squadre, tutte di Melbourne e Sydney, ad eccezione della Juventus di Adelaide che è la solitaria rappresentante del "resto dell'Australia".

Uno dei vantaggi della Lega ridotta a 14 squadre, almeno lo speriamo, è che il talento disponibile sarà concentrato nelle formazioni partecipanti, con una probabile miglioramento dello spettacolo.

Infatti è solo lo spettacolo la possibile salvezza del calcio in Australia. Ormai i fervori nazionalistici (con pochissime eccezioni) sono una cosa del passato e la nuova generazione di tifosi pretende un livello di gioco che si faccia guardare per il suo valore reale e non per considerazioni emotive.

Alla nuova Lega parteciperanno quattro formazioni italiane: le due Juventini di Melbourne ed Adelaide e il Marconi e l'APIA di Sydney; tutte squadre di grande statura che potranno ben figurare nella competizione.

La Juventus di Melbourne, organizzatori di tutte le Coppe, ha chiuso la stagione con la "Presentation Night" di domenica scorsa, tenutasi alla Sanremo Ballroom di fronte ad un numeroso pubblico.

Per l'occasione sono stati an-

nunciati i tradizionali premi di fine stagione. Brian Brown è risultato il miglior "clubman", Joe Palatsiadi il giocatore più migliorato, Zinni il capocannoniere (undici reti nonostante le molte partite mancate a causa di infortuni).

Il premio per il "Best and Fairest" quest'anno è stato sbagliato in uno assegnato dai giocatori stessi ed un'altra dalla direzione tecnica. In tutte e due e' risultato Vincente Paul Wade, anche se nel secondo ha condiviso il primo posto con John Yzendoorn.

La vittoria dello scudetto del girone meridionale ha dato una certa rispettabilità all'a stagionale, ma nei tifosi che si aspettavano un anno spettacolare c'è rimasto un po' di delusione per il disastroso fine di stagione in cui la squadra è crollata collezionando pesanti sconfitte (1-4 contro Heidelberg e Brisbane United), e perdendo tutte e due le partite del turno finale di campionato.

Per noi il motivo di questo crollo è il rientro principale, attualmente nella tattica metà imposta dal tecnico McKendry che comporta un'eccessiva logica fisico con scarsa possibilità di affermazione: la sua tendenza a voler trarre i giocatori in rotoli privi di spunti personali ha prodotto un tipo di gioco prevedibile e facilmente neutralizzabile; la sua insistenza nel voler arrivare in porta per via diretta e lungo la conduttrice centrale ha spesso causato grossi ingorgi che hanno fatto il gioco delle difese avversarie.

L'impegno degli uomini a disperdere il gioco è lasciato molto a desiderare. La preferenza dimostrata per Patterson ai danni di Sweeney (dinto poi per essere addirittura squallido) dal club in circostanze che sembrano di Inquisizione spagnola) e il non aver dato vita a Dukarovic con lo spostamento di Peter Lewis a centrocampo dove mancava un "uomo forte" dopo la partenza di Miranda e l'indispinabilità di Dowie, hanno severamente limitato l'efficacia della squadra.

Non si può inoltre dimenticare che all'inizio dell'anno McKendry aveva insistito con incalzante a centravanti e Zinni a centrocampista, rivelando altrettanto uno scarso interesse per i due ragazzi in panchina.

Solo il serio infortunio a Fabio e una grossa "spinta" esterna avevano fatto desiderare il tecnico da questi propositi sbagliati. E quando alla fine Fa-

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No place for Postecoglou in Roo side

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ernie Tapai didn't know what to say, Tony Dunkerley was just about crying tears of joy and Andrew Zinni couldn't believe it.

Tapai and Zinni were absolutely thrilled last week when I phoned to get their reactions to being included in the Socceroo squad which takes on New Zealand on October 25 and November 2 before flying to China on November 10 for international on November 13, 16 and 18.

"You're joking! That's great news," said Tapai, a young Footscray JUST star.

"That makes up for the disappointment of not even being given the chance of playing for the national youth team in the World Cup Finals in Russia last year. I was very, very disappointed about that but it's all in the past now."

Dunkerley coached Tapai at Victorian junior representative level and was the man responsible for switching him from the wing to midfield, a position he gradually came to terms with and has starred in this year.

"My first training session with the Melbourne Socceroo squad went great even though I was incredibly nervous. But I really enjoyed the session and the other players were great. It makes a big difference when you're surrounded by quality players," said Tapai.

Tapai is one of the hottest properties on the Australian scene.

"Tapai! Oh, yes, I would love to have him," said St George and Socceroo coach Frank Arok.

Zinni, the Brunswick Juventus striker, has made a final Socceroo squad for the first time. Arok will take 18 players to New Zealand and add another four for the China tour.

"I've been in training squads for the past couple of years but I've never been able to really get there. To make a final squad is on top of the world right now," said Zinni.

"I think this year has been very beneficial for me. It was a transition period for me, having been coached by John Margaritis last year and Len McKendry this year. To have played under these different styles of coaching has made me a better player. John wanted me to go wide all the time whereas Len used me through the middle. I owe a lot to Len for bringing out things in me I never knew I had."

The surprise in Arok's squad, announced last week, was the inability of young Angie Postecoglou to be selected for the New Zealand team. Postecoglou, the South Melbourne Hellas fullback, is one of six players vying for the remaining spot in the squad to tour China. Postecoglou made his Socceroo debut

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this year against Czechoslovakia.

"Look, he (Postecoglou) definitely still is in the broader squad. He's very young and his chance will come. I wanted to give someone else a chance to show me what he can do," said Arok.

"To be honest, I can't see him playing on the right-side of the park. He plays left back for Hellas but I can't see him pushing Graham Jennings out of my national team right now. So I have to try other solutions. The most obvious is Wally Savor. He plays in that role with Sydney Croatia.

"And the big thing is that Croatia is a winning team. With the exception of Yankos, Dunn and Franken, my squad is made up of players who come from winning teams. That's very, very important. They are used to being winners, not losers, and that's what we need in the national team."

John Kosmina is unavailable for the October 25 game against the Kiwis in New Zealand but the return leg, in Australia, could see Kosmina back in the side.

"Kossie's wife is expecting and he wants to be with her but I haven't ruled out the possibility of him being available for the game here," said Arok.

The squad for the New Zealand games:

GOALKEEPERS: Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg), Tony Franken (Canberra).

DEFENDERS: Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn (Adelaide Hellas), Tony Dakos (Olympic), Wally Savor, Graham Jennings (Sydney Croatia), Garry McDowell (South Melbourne Hellas), Alan Hunter (Heidelberg).

MIDFIELDERS: Peter Raskopoulos (Olympic), Paul Wade (Brunswick Juventus), Graeme Arnold (Sydney Croatia), Steve Metta (Adelaide Juventus), Ernie Tapai (Footscray JUST).

FORWARDS: Andrew Zinni (Brunswick Juventus), Steve Maxwell (Adelaide Juventus), Frank Farina (Sydney Haikoo), Chris Kalantzis (Olympic).

Russell Stewart of Brisbane Lions and David Lowe and Rod Brown of Marconi will be added to the squad for the China tour along with one other from Angie Postecoglou (South Melbourne Hellas), Paul Carter and Rob Whittaker (Marconi), Tom McCullagh (Sydney Haikoo), Robbie Stalter (Blacktown) and Mike Gibson (St George).

The first game of the China tour, probably in Canton, will be for the Ampol Cup.

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LES MURRAY

Last year at this time, when going through my annual dreamtime ritual of naming the "ideal" team of the year, I concluded with much self satisfaction that it was heavily represented in Frank Arok's national team.

I thought that a good sign because my team is not based on the hardy business of getting results and I confess happily that if thrown into the cut-throat world of international competition it may not win many matches.

Which means that if "mad dog" Arok thinks the majority of such players can compete, we must be making progress in the footballing sense.

Such, I am delighted to say, is much the same case again, even with such missing entertainers as Crino, Paikias and Davidson. The lone player in my team who is not in Arok's current squad (if you also take away players who do not qualify for Australia anyway) is Theo Selemidis.

If the old soccer cliche of "most underrated player" was to be translated into an annual award (which perhaps it should, given the way commentators and journalists tend to ignore some players), Selemidis would win it hands down.

But visualising a central defence of skill and creativity from where useful attacks can be launched, and where tackling is based on timing not force and intimidation, I cannot go past the Heidelberg veteran at sweeper.

He has had, from where I sat, a great season — possibly the best in his long career, which cannot be said of his age and betrays, I believe, his enduring appeal as a potential Socceroo. His many years at National League level might suggest to some that he must be somewhat geriatric, perhaps in the Joe Watson or Bugsy Nykohs categories (although I hasten to add that the word is not used unkindly in reference to those two fine campaigners).

Selemidis is 27.

The goalkeeping position, let me reiterate, rarely causes problems in this country. We have many of perhaps European class and only a hair's breadth separates my pick, Tony Franken, from other reliable and spectacular contenders like Greedy, Olver, Banovic and McNally.

Right back though is a problem, as it is for Arok, for when you look for flank defenders of skill, class and a creative instinct they are like hen's teeth. Wally Savor, in the absence of Alan Davidson, is the best of them perhaps approached only by Olympic's very able Marty Rogers.

For similar reasons Graham Jennings remains the only contender at left back.

Leaving Vedran Rozic out of such a side is no small feat to justify, but going for a partnership where the tall and strong, yet skilful, Tony Dakos complements the softer identity of Selemidis, it did become a choice between Selemidis and Rozic.

Midfield is another area where creativity is in reasonable abundance. Leaving out men like Raskopoulos, Stosic and Watson, and indeed Villani, Vidmar, Ozdakov, Cullen and Lowe was not easy but the quartet I have in mind would be a sight to behold.

There is not much destruction, only creation and skill in the foursome of Tapai, Palacios, Santrac and Estavillo, even if the Uruguayan, through his conditioning in the super-rough North Division, is rather more macho than the others.

Up front Chris Kalantzis, that great entertainer who already was voted SBS's most entertaining player two years ago, is the one man who becomes an automatic choice.

He has had a great season even though he may not admit to that given that he has scored less goals than he would have liked.

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• Theo Selemidis



• Adrian Santrac

But his climactic performances in the finals series, above all that magic last quarter of an hour after Soper had been substituted last Sunday against Adelaide City, proved his quality.

Australia should indeed be thankful that Kalantzis is still among us and his certain departure for Europe once his hunger for national team duty is more satisfied is to be greatly feared.

Partnering Kalantzis, many of ability but lesser consistency, come to mind: Soper, Mullen, Spink, even El Ali.

But in terms of spectacle, none of them matches Andrew Zinni, whose zip, skill on the ball and yearning for goals almost matches that of Kalantzis.

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Brunswick Juventus coach Len McKendry and president Joe Caruso flew out of Australia yesterday (Tuesday) to start a whirlwind tour of England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Belgium and Italy. "We've got one visa vacancy now and Brian Brown will get his permanency soon," said Caruso. "The local market is too inflated. Players talk in telephone numbers here so we have to be very careful when we're overseas." McKendry will be back in time to coach the youth team which will represent Juventus in the Coppa Italia which kicks off on October 30.

JOSE MONTES:

He's the man behind the microphone



By LES SHORROCK

When Jose Montes signs off a programme by saying "this is 3EA, your soccer station", he isn't kidding, for 3EA is soccer to many thousands of people in Victoria.

And rightly so too, for where else in Australia, or in the world for that matter would you find a radio station that broadcasts soccer in 23 languages?

That's how much soccer coverage has grown at this unique station since I first met Montes back in 1976.

Montes was working as a salesman at the fledgling station on the Spanish programme.

The programme had two hours on Saturdays and Montes used to fill it in with descriptions of Chilean-backed Hotham United's matches. Those were outside broadcasts in every sense of the word. He took a tape-recorder to the game, to record the background noise, then he'd rush to a telephone box at regular intervals with a progress report, playing the tape at the same time to provide the atmosphere.

I was District League chairman at the time, and one day he persuaded me to kick off a game between Burnley and the newly-formed Argentinian club West Melbourne. Little did I know what I was landing myself in.

In his usual persuasive manner, Montes had talked Mike Zahripelous, then Secretary of Fitzroy United (now Heidelberg) into letting his beloved West Melbourne use Fitzroy's ground, and he and Oscar Pereira did a proper outside broadcast of the game in Spanish complete with those typically South American long, drawn-out cries of "GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAAAALLLLL," and it was very colorful.

Soccer identity John D'Andrea was the station manager then and Jose and I persuaded him that a score service was essential in the season, and he cheerfully surrendered five minutes of the Italian hour at 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and that service has run at least that time ever since, courtesy of the Italians.

That was always the spirit that prevailed at 3EA in the early days and when Montes started to broaden the scope and started getting reports from overseas, other language programmes had to be asked to give up some of their time, and they nearly always obliged.

The late Walter Schaeuble, a veteran German broadcaster, used to have a one-hour

news programme in the afternoons, and soccer's next lucky break came when one day he asked Montes if he could find enough sport to fill 15 minutes. Could he what! Imagine having 15 minutes every weekday to talk about your favourite topic!

Thanks to the two best broadcasting systems in the world, Germany's Deutsche Welle and Britain's BBC, we were never short of excellent tapes on every sport under the sun, because when we ran short of soccer material, we covered everything else. You name it, we did it — from motor racing to downhill slaloms — and at times we even included cricket, which must have bewildered more than a few.

It wasn't long before the management began to appreciate that the listeners wanted more and more soccer, and soon we were doing late night and early morning broadcasts and by the 1980s we had launched into a full hour of soccer every Monday at 3pm.

The Monday afternoon programme, which included reports from all the National League matches around the country, and the Friday evening preview, both were knocked on the head when a top-brass decision was made barring English language programmes between 7am and 11pm. The people who administer ethnic broadcasting appear to be unaware of the wants of the soccer public. They also seem to be unaware that all of 3EA's soccer following, which is enormous, can understand English, whatever a listener's background.

Here I have to pay tribute to Montes. The man is a born communicator. When he was born in Buenos Aires I reckon that they stuck a microphone in his hand instead of a dummy and it's been there ever since.

When I first went to broadcast live with him I was petrified, but I needn't have worried. He was superb and we soon clicked. I suppose people would find it hard to believe, but we worked together two and three times a week for over nine years and we never once had a script. Very often, one or even both of us would arrive a mere five minutes before a broadcast and we wouldn't even discuss the programme. After while I could read him like a book, and I almost knew what he was going to say before it came out.

We used to play a little game too, where he was the goodie and I was the baddie. He'd start praising someone in soccer, the national coach, say, and I'd butt in and start to criticise him. Then the argument would start and we would get listeners in to the extent that they have stopped Montes in the street and



• Jose Montes, doing what he does best — broadcasting soccer on 3EA

said: "You must hate that bastard Shorrock! Why don't you shut him up?"

It wasn't planned. It was entirely spontaneous and what made it hilarious sometimes was that since English is a second language to Montes who is beautifully fluent in the romantic language, he would occasionally botch an idiom or get a phrase back to front. He was getting very indignant one day about the Press facilities at a certain ground and it was all very solemn until he said: "There's no room at all in the box-press" and all of us — producer, engineer, and everyone — broke up. 3EA was great fun in those days.

One night we were chatting away, totally immersed in the subject until we realised when we said we would pause for a musical break that the engineer had left. He'd gone to the toilet and forgotten about us and didn't come back for 15 minutes, which is a lifetime on radio.

The rapport we established even survived the Falklands conflict in 1982. We never let the fact that our two countries were at war bother us. I drew a chalk-line across the floor of the studio and told him to keep to his side and I'd keep to mine. Unfortunately, the door was in my half, but I guaranteed him safe passage when he wanted to go to the toilet.

3EA broke new ground in 1978 with the very first live broadcast of a soccer match from overseas in a foreign language — a Yugoslav First Division match involving Red Star. As usual, Montes sold it brilliantly. Promotional spots the week before I told listeners to ring up for a free T-shirt or LP, and on the night five extra telephones were manned by Serbo-Croat speaking volunteers. It was a great success. The phones were jammed with callers for the whole duration of the broadcast and weeks after, people were complaining that they had waited up to 15 minutes just to get through.

That set the pattern and the Sunday night match became an institution, with games from Greece, Italy, Turkey, you name it, in fact from 23 different countries.

But all European countries play on Sundays, and there was no Saturday night match until one day Jose said to me: "Wait a minute, don't the British Leagues play on Saturdays?" Well, of course they do, so he was on to the BBC in a flash, and that was the start of the most popular program ever broadcast by 3EA.

There is a rule in the Broadcasting Act that says you can't close down a station at night and then reopen it again two or three hours later, so we used to take over at 11.30pm, after the last ethnic programme closed, and discuss local topics until we picked up the BBC's Saturday afternoon programme "Grandstand" which, in the northern winter, covers a wide range of sport, including progress scores from all the soccer grounds, until going over live to the second half of the match of the day. Then, at 5pm English time, we would relay the classified British results and finally totter off to bed around 3am. It was wearisome, but it was worthwhile and many a Sunday I'd be at a local game, and some eager fan would come up to me and say: "Les how did Burnley go? I fell asleep before the scores came on."

That programme was dropped for the last British season only because of the dispute between the British stations and the Football League, but it could be back soon.

Of course, all this was in pre-amalgamation days, but when I asked Montes about how he thought amalgamation with the ABC would affect 3EA, he seemed quite unperturbed.

"I think that it will affect TV far more than it affects us," he said. "In fact, I don't think radio wil be affected at all."

That should be reassuringly good news to soccer fans.

"The Budget has affected us in another way, though," says Montes, "because of reduced funds we have had to refuse some early-round matches in the various European Cups, but we'll be providing the usual service in the later rounds."

He also tells me that he is very hopeful of starting a new programme in the next National League season, that will include a live broadcast of the second half of one of the games.

In fact, John Abell, 3EA's new manager, who is kindly disposed to soccer, is going to Sydney this week to discuss both that and the possibility of re-starting the British programme.

One fact soccer fans can be assured of — as long as Jose Montes is at 3EA soccer always will be uppermost in his mind.

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TO THE EDITOR

SIR —
On August 16 this year the Victorian League Division Four match between Eltham and Bulleen at North Eltham was abandoned at half time because of the ground becoming unplayable due to torrential rain.

This game normally would be replayed later in the season as laid down under VSF rule 9(b), however, in its wisdom, the VSF decided that the game should not be played as "it doesn't matter."

Now, the result of the game will not alter either team's position in the league, but surely any responsible sporting body would make sure that its seasonal program was completed. Is there really a fixture that doesn't matter?

There is an interesting sidelight to this affair. The Bulleen club objected to the abandonment of the game and lodged a protest against the referee's decision, claiming that he was influenced by officials of Eltham. The matter was heard by the Investigative and Disciplinary committee which di-

rected the game be replayed as, in its view, the referee was quite correct. The committee also fined Bulleen \$50 for lodging a frivolous protest.

I understand that the only way an I & D committee's decision can be overturned is by recourse to the Appeals Board, not by the stroke of a pen by a Soccer House bureaucrat, which I believe is what happened in this case.

With the fine on Bulleen be wiped out in similar fashion?

The authority of the I & D committee must now be in

question. How many other decisions of that body have been usurped in this manner? Can a disqualified person or club now be reinstated without going through the proper channels?

I believe that the decision in the Eltham v. Bulleen match is quite wrong. I believe that the game should have been replayed and whoever overruled the I & D committee's decision should be called before the VSF board of management to explain such action.

If this type of incident is not fully investigated, then I suggest that the VSF change its name to the VSC — Victorian Soccer Circus.

We may not have a ringmaster to organise things but there would appear to be plenty of clowns available.

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The winner of the prestigious award will be announced next Tuesday at a gala presentation night at Melbourne's Southern Cross hotel.

James, the George Cross fullback, is being widely tipped by Victorian Press writers as a likely winner but the chances of Slater, Farina and Franken can't be dismissed lightly.

James has had an outstanding first full season in Australian soccer and clearly is one of the finest fullbacks in the country. He was selected in the Victorian NSL Team of the Year by the Victorian members of the Australian Soccer Press Association at a recent awards night and at least two Melbourne-based NSL clubs are chasing his signature.

Slater too should poll extremely well. His dashing wing-play stands out in a Blacktown outfit not particularly noted for its flair and he is bound to have caught the eye of many a referee this season.

Farina, like Slater, is quick, brave and prepared to run at defenders — facets of play which catch the eye readily. Farina also is on the threshold of finally establishing himself as a senior Socceroo and he must be one of the men national coach Frank Arok is banking on for future success.

But Franken would appear to have the best chance. He clearly is Canberra's most consistent performer. Pick up just about any match report of a Canberra game this season and you'll read about his heroics in goals. He has been rewarded for his efforts by selection in the Socceroo squad to take on New Zealand and to tour China shortly.

A win to Franken would be popular. He is recognised as a Socceroo No.1 of the future and is the best young goalkeeper on the national team horizon at present, indeed, he has been for the past few seasons.



• Robbie Slater, then with St George, came equal third in the voting for last year's National League Rothmans Medal. Can the Blacktown ace improve a couple of places in the count this year?

FA backs Luton

English club Luton Town was given permission last week to ban visiting supporters from its stadium for FA Cup matches this season, just 48 hours after organisers of a lesser competition declined to accept the club's plans for beating crowd violence.

First Division Luton, whose novel idea to ban all except its own fans has received government and public support, early last week withdrew from the Littlewoods Cup, formerly the League Cup, because it refused to accept conditions laid down by the Football League, which runs the competition.

The League's management committee, which originally threw Luton out of the tournament, agreed to readmit the club, but only if it played its next home game on neutral ground or at the opposition team's stadium.

Luton refused the compromise and its second-round meeting with Cardiff City automatically was awarded to the Third Division team.

In an effort to avoid crowd violence, Luton, about 48 kilometres north of London, has introduced a membership card system of admission to its home games and has banned visiting supporters.

English FA officials said last week that their prestigious FA Cup competition was prepared to recognise Luton's stand against fan violence.

The rules for the Littlewoods



• Nico Claesen



• Bruno Conti

Conti fined \$5000, Claesens to Spurs, Vasco axes Garcia

• Swedish international striker Tommy Holmgren has signed for Italian League Club Cremonese. He previously was with FFA Gothenburg.

• Scottish international Davie Dowie is back in Scotland after only three months with Switzerland's Xamax Neuchatel. Aberdeen paid \$430,000 to bring the former Dundee United striker home.

• All 22 members of Italy's 1982 World Cup winning squad have had their passports confiscated as authorities in Milan investigate alleged currency irregularities.

• English First Division club Tottenham last week signed Belgian international striker Nico Claesen from Standard Liege for \$A1.75-800.

Claesen was a member of the Belgian side which finished fourth in the World Cup Finals in June. He scored three goals in seven games and emerged as one of the top strikers in Europe.

• Steve Paterson, the former Sydney Olympic midfielder who followed Rudolf Gutendorf to Yomiuri in Japan, now is back in his native Scotland and turning out for Forres Mechanics in the semi-professional Highland League.

• Vasco da Gama has dismissed coach Claudio Garcia

after failing to win any of its opening six games in this season's Rio League.

• Czechoslovakia continued the good form it showed in Australia when defeating Holland 1-0 in a friendly international in Prague.

• Charlton Athletic has signed Scottish under-21 international Colin Walsh from Nottingham Forest for a \$250,000 transfer.

• Italian international Bruno Conti was fined \$5,000 for criticising coach Sven Goran Eriksson after Roma's poor start to the European League season.

• Mount Wellington won the Rothman's New Zealand National League title for a record sixth time with a team which included three former Australian-based players — Ricki Herbert (ex-Sydney Olympic), Nigel Debenham (ex-Edgeworth) and Dave Taylor (ex-Sydney Croatia).

• Zico has undergone an operation in the US upon his troublesome knee and it is hoped he will be back in action within four months.

• In what is believed to be the biggest sponsorship deal in British sporting history, the Today newspaper has committed itself to an injection of \$5,000,000 into the English League during the next two years.

• Tottenham Hotspur striker Mark Falco has

moved to Watford in a \$660,000 transfer deal.

• South Korea was confirmed as top dog of its continent by winning the Asian Games gold medal in Seoul. It defeated Saudi Arabia 2-0 in the final.

• Jose Maria Vidal, right half of the great Real Madrid side which won the 1980 European Champions' Cup, has died.

• Three more Latin American World Cup stars have



Overseas round-up
By PAUL MOON

joined Spanish First Division clubs — Mexico's Luis Flores moving to Sporting Gijon and the Paraguayans Ramon Hicks and Buenaventura Ferreira to newly promoted Sabadell.

• Juventus has confirmed the appointment of Rino Marchesi as its coach. He was previously in charge of Como.



• Mexico's Luis Flores, hoping to get excited by scoring goals in Spain for Sporting Gijon.

KIWIS FAIL TO FLATTER

New Zealand's two victories recently over Fiji, Laeata and Suva, by 4-2 and 2-1 respectively, cannot be taken as tangible pointers to the upcoming clashes with Australia.

The Kiwi teams fielded were of very experimental natures, coach Kevin Fallon taking the opportunity to "blood" half a dozen international debutants, and Fiji proved to be an ineffective opponent.

Throughout both games, which drew a total attendance of 24,000,

New Zealand always held the upper hand. Dominance in the air and ability at set pieces (which produced four of their six goals) were the outstanding features of the All Whites' performances.

Striker Noel Barclay and central defenders Craig Simpson and Gary Lund appeared the likeliest of the newcomers to win the remaining berth in the squad to face the Socceroos, but old campaigner Billy McClure also pressed his claims.

Juventus v Real, Steaua v Anderlecht

Dreams of an "ideal" European Champions' Cup Final between Real Madrid and Juventus were shattered when UETA's Draw Committee paired these two thoroughbreds for the competition's second round.

Their clashes will arouse immense interest throughout the soccer world and no doubt produce a vast sum in gate takings, but the fact that either Real or Juve (two teams of such equal ability, nobody could possibly predict the outcome with any certainty) will be absent from the latter stages of a competition which, despite its relative youth, showcases final after the tragedy of Brussels and the numbing dullness of Seville must be bitterly regretted.

Perhaps UETA might consider adopting the method cynics believe has, with a regularity surely beyond the realms of coincidence, kept Rangers and Celtic apart until the finals of Scottish Cup competitions and include two round ones!

The premature confrontation of the Latin aristocrats enhances Dynamo Kiev's chances of providing the USSR's first Champions' Cup finalist. Dynamo won the Cup

Winners' Cup with considerable style earlier this year and then formed the backbone of that Russian side which looked so impressive in Mexico. It should account for Glasgow Celtic with at least two goals to spare.

Holder Steaua Bucharest faces Anderlecht in a repeat of last season's semi-final. The Belgian champion is capable of getting revenge over a team which, yet to convince much of Europe it is a worthy Cup holder, just as it is capable of beating practically anybody when on top form. Victory for Steaua must be given the overdue credit it deserves but defeat will see the Romanians widely dismissed as one season wonders!

Vitkovice, a team making its Champions' Cup debut and without any current internationals, gained a noteworthy success over the highly fancied Paris St. Germain in round one, but is likely to find seasoned campaigners Porto a little too tough at the next stage.

Rosengård comfortably and claim a place in the last eight.

The Bayern Munich v Austria Vienna tie brings together two world-class sides, though experience is the one facet in which Austria can claim parity with the West German champion. Bayern has extra polish in virtually every other account and must be the favorite to advance.

Brondby proved that Denmark's depth of talent extends beyond her overseas-based players when disposing of well-known French side, Paris St. Germain, in the first round. In the encounters a Dynamo Berliner tried to make an impression in Europe, despite accumulating no fewer than eight successive domestic championships. Two evenly balanced games are in prospect.

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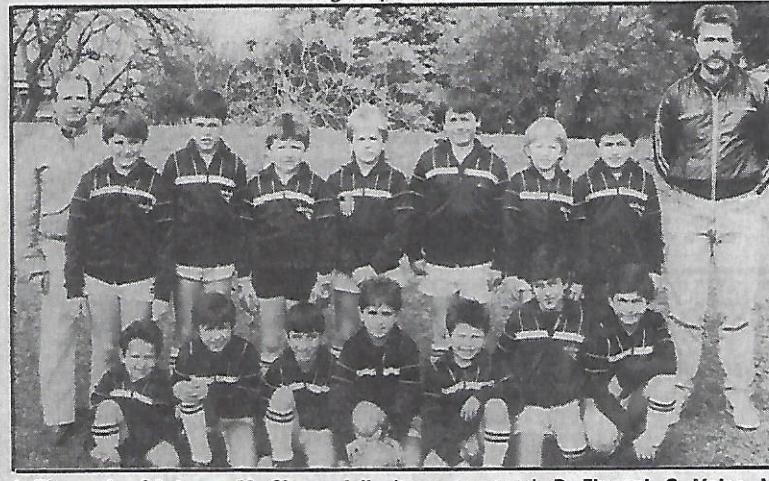
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• The under-16s, winners of the JLMC Cup, Northern Region Cup and Super League championship. Back row: P. Iacuone (team manager), T. Sonsini, R. De Matteo, P. Mitsios, P. Della Rocca, E. Marano, P. Iacuone, M. Vesnauer, R. Di Fiore, Aldo Vesnauer (coach). Front row: A. Angelodemou, J. Lipari (captain), C. Giove, M. Torcaso, R. Turi, J. Bongiovanni, P. Giaccherini.

Meet the J

"Over the last four years we've really kicked on. We started with about four or five junior teams and now we've got 13. The talent there is enormous and when we get specialised developmental coaches we'll provide Brunswick Juventus with National League players."

That's Tony Raponi talking. He's the club manager of Brunswick Juniors and he's genuinely excited about the advancements made at junior level by his club.

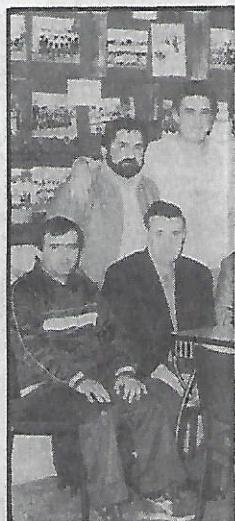
"I want to particularly mention our junior chairman, Donato Manduca, who has been there for five years and is a very, very hard working man," said Raponi.

"I'd also like to make special mention of all the past senior committees over the last few years for the way they have conducted themselves in their dealings with the juniors. They have let us run our own show but at the same time they've been supportive when 'needed'."

The Brunswick Juventus juniors are based at Sumner Park, Allister Street, East Brunswick and have had a very successful season. Two teams won JLMC Cups, another was runner-up in a JLMC Cup Final while the juniors also snared four league championships in 1986.

Currently, Brunswick Juventus is hosting the Junior Coppa Italia which started earlier this month and finishes on the weekend of November 8 and 9. Matches are being played at Sumner Park and at Balf Park, John Street, East Brunswick.

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The under-18 team, back row: F. Palleschi (team manager), M. De Stefanis, F. Palleschi, M. Sangiorgio, A. Tartaglia, A. Gatto, R. Minilli, J. Basso, C. Korovic (coach). Front row: A. Manduca, P. Valerio, Incantalupo, M. Giove, A. Palleschi, R. Cararro, E. Molinaro. Absent: R. Giandomenico, P. Bruanoli, P. Samardzija, T. Marano.

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The junior committee of Brunswick Juventus, standing: J. Lento, P. Contatore, D. Di Giacomo, G. Gesualdi, F. Ferraro, S. Cardamone, M. Costantini, D. D'Intino, F. Vukic, V. Renda. Seated: N. Mariani (youth co-ordinator), T. Marchionda (canteen manager), D. Manduca (chairman), A. Maini (secretary), A. Raponi (club manager), J. Muccio (vice-chairman), A. Ferraro, M. Marino. Absent: F. Melideo, B. Tenuta.



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The under-12B team, back row: D. Zamparo (coach), D. Carnovale, A. Gentile, A. Polito, R. Caniglia, E. Curcio, D. Marino, J. Alessi, M. Marino (assistant team manager). Front row: M. Paladino, S. Venditti, F. Amato, A. Chioldo, G. Romano, C. Perrotta. Absent: T. Licastro (team manager), F. Solis, A. Mazzei, R. Di Natale.



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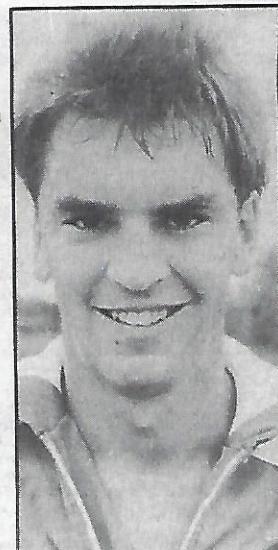
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PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 6 — McLaren 6, Dobson 7, Woodson 7, Ilioski 6 — Stikas 6 (van Emden 90th); R Campbell 6, Roodhouse 6, Jolevski 7 (Heys H1), Cole 8, Lane 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6 — James 7, Richardson 7, Parton 7, Taylor 6 — Faulkner 6, McLaren 9, Innes 6 — Gilder 6 (Lennon 102nd), Edwards 6 (Mitten 77th). Coach: John Gardiner.

When Chris Taylor missed his attempt during the penalty shoot-out and Zoran Ilioski converted it, the season ended for George Cross but before the dust could settle

Man of the match:
GARY COLE
(Makedonia)

it was stirred up by rumors of unrest at the club.

The press box was buzzing before the game with talk of striker Noel Mitten being far from pleased to read in 'The Sun' and 'Sunday Observer' that he had been dropped before being told by coach John Gardiner.

Forward striker Carl Gilder also is unhappy. Gilder reportedly would love to move but he's under contract to Cross for another year.

Then there's Tyrone James who, James reportedly has been offered \$8,000 to sign for a rival NSL club. Can Cross match that offer?

At least two other first team squad members are restless and are talking of leaving the club.

Makedonia went into the game with an unusual preparation, having held its presentation night on the Saturday. Ian Roodhouse, with 61 goals, was Makedonia's Player of the Year. Ian Dobson and Col Ospasini tied for second with 50 apiece.

In the 4th minute, Phil Traianedes made a good save from a Shaun Parton header and four minutes later Dobson lost control of the ball which was knocked forward by Andy



• Makedonia striker Sean Lane (right) shields the ball from Tyrone James of George Cross. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Edwards but Traianedes, who had come well out of goal anticipating a Dobson backpass, reacted well to get down and gather the ball in front of Edwards.

Kevin Innes' shot was blocked in the 26th minute and in the 35th minute, Parton blazed the ball just wide of the far post after combining well with Gilder.

A minute later, Gilder was deflected to the unmarked Ian Dobson who dummied to sell then neatly slipped the ball to Sean Lane on the left of the area and Lane's low shot from six metres made it 1-0.

A superb Cole lay-off in the 70th minute saw Dobson shooting just over and Don McLaren, with his second half shot wide in the 71st minute.

Three minutes later a dramatic blunder by Traianedes cost Makedonia dearly. He raced out of goal as Gilder pressed Dobson, but

instead of attacking the ball as if his life depended on it, Traianedes hesitated, only to get mixed up with Dobson. The ball broke for Gilder who was about to strike it into the unguarded goal when felled from behind by Dobson. Referee John Stojkovic pointed to the penalty spot and Richardson had no choice but to score.

In the 85th minute, a Cole shot was deflected to the unmarked Ian Dobson whose lob was wide. Lane should have much more of what was a great chance.

So extra time it was and when Chris Taylor's cross was headed home by Ian Dobson, Cross looked set for a semi-final spot in the Ricoh Dockerty Cup. But the referee, who had had other ideas and his head throbbed minutes later sent the match into a penalty shoot-out and eventually sent Makedonia into the semi.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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The end of a great Cup run?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

I keep writing off Caulfield's chances and Caulfield keeps proving me wrong. Here we go again. Green Gully will end Caulfield's fabulous run by winning the first of Sunday's Ricoh Dockerty Cup semi-finals at Olympic Park No 1.

The Gully-Caulfield clash kicks off at 1.30pm and will be followed by the semi-final that pits NSL rivals Preston Makedonia and Hidelberg against each other.

But what a tremendous effort by Caulfield to reach the latter stages of this competition. Caulfield now has knocked off South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray JUST in succession and is just one step away from achieving what surely would be the most remarkable feat of the 1986 season.

I take nothing away from Caulfield when I say that the difference between Gully and Caulfield's other NSL opponents in the Dockerty Cup can be summed up in one word — motivation.

Caulfield's players have been absolutely outstanding in the Ricoh Dockerty Cup but on Sunday they confront a team hungry for a bit of success in an otherwise disastrous season. Not so with Hellas and JUST. Frankfurts of the Hellas and JUST Players will fail against Caulfield lookers like them couldn't wait for the session to end but Gully coach Gus Macleod already has gone on record declaring his intention of winning the Dockerty Cup.

There's no way big Gull will let any of his men go through the motions, believe you me, and that's why Gully deservedly goes into this semi as a warm favorite.

John Bitsonis, used virtually as a wide midfielder against Hellas and JUST, is in scintillating touch and while Danny Zemunik, Pepe Abraam, Kenny Taylor and David Brooks are

better known players, Bitsonis is the man who has been tearing defences apart in the Cup.

Caulfield thought that Paul Harris was a mid-fielder when it brought him over from England earlier this season.

He's not.

What he is, is a damn good, old-fashioned stopper, as he proved against JUST on Sunday, and he and fellow defenders Brooks, Angie Koutoulis and Peter Tsitsiris will be called on to try and hold Gully's push for the final.

They will perform just as creditably as they have done in recent weeks but their task here looks a bit too much. Nevertheless, well done Caulfield, you've certainly been put on the map by your Ricoh Dockerty Cup run.

I said last week that Makedonia was my tip to win the Dockerty Cup and I'm not about to change my tune.

Steve Smith should be fit to play against Helidelberg meaning that Makedonia coach Bill Murray has the option of playing Gary Cole and Smith up front with Sean Lane wide on the left of midfield or using Smith and Lane up front and playing Cole in a deep-lying role.

Not a bad dilemma when you consider the quality of all three players.

Graham Heys was on the bench during Makedonia's clash with George Cross last Sunday and came on at half time. The wee man did more than enough to suggest that he'll be in the starting line-up here.

WHY WAS STOSIC TAKEN OFF?

CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Bitsonis 100th, Zemunik 101st) **FOOTSCRAY JUST** 0 after extra time. Ricoh Dockerty Cup quarter-final at Olympic Park No 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 1,200. Caution: Tofari (C). Referee: Ziggy Minich 2.

FOOTSCRAY CITY: Alexandropoulos 7 — Brooks 8, Harris 8, Koutos 7, Taittiris 7 — Bitsonis 9, Taylor 7, Tofari 6 (Kassab 98th), Theodorou 7 — Abramov 6 (Filippou 80th), Zemunik 7. Coach: Takis Svingos.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikolic 6, Barjaktarevic 4, Vukotic 6, Karic 7 — Belic 8 (Burak 81st), Belic 7, Curovic 5, Spink 6, Petrovski 5 (White 92nd) — Latif 4, Ljubic 7. Caretaker coaches: Zdravko Ljubic and Joe Stepin.

Caulfield City slotted a missed penalty in between two goals in extra time in a dramatic finish to a game shrouded in controversy as the State League outfit bundled Footscray JUST out of the Ricoh Dockerty Cup.

The fact that Caulfield won was dramatic enough and referee Ziggy Minich provided plenty of controversy.

Minich played 14 minutes and 27 seconds in the first half of extra time and 10 minutes and 16 seconds in the second half.

Throughout the match, Minich waved play-on for body-checking, leaving the victims pleading with him in vain.

Just as disappointing was JUST, beaten Grand Finalist in the Southern Division just seven days earlier. Okay, JUST dominated most of the first 90 minutes but dominating play, pinning sides inside their defensive halves for lengthy spells is not, in itself, a criterion for saying that JUST played

Man of the match:
JOHN BITSONIS
(Caulfield)

well. Up front, JUST looked jaded to say the least.

And to top it all, Vlado Stosic, JUST's best player by a mile, was taken off by team manager and co-caretaker coach Joe Stepin in the 81st minute!

This truly was an amazing match.

JUST kept bombing the Caulfield goal but Con Alexandropoulos, David Brooks and Paul Harris kept repelling the attacks Stosic, Vlato Belic and substitute Mick Burak missed the best chances.

But how unlucky Stosic was in the 27th minute with a piece of soccer wizardry that thoroughly deserved a goal. He was near the backline on the acutest of angles when he expertly curled the ball over the head of Alexandropoulos only to see it strike the inside of the far post, bounce back across the goal-mouth and finally being scrambled clear.

Belic headed wide from four metres in the 30th minute and in the 52nd minute, after being set up by a Stosic cutback, blasted his first time try well over.

Burak's miss was incredible. It came in the first minute of time added on. A superb ball by Spink set up Burak who mistimed his shot from four metres. Alexandropoulos had been sent the wrong way but recovered to dive down and get the ball off the post to the ball, sending it trickling centimetres past the post.

It was in the latter part of normal time that Caulfield created some great chances. Danny Zemunik had a shot blocked after a header back across goal by Pepe Abraam and a superb Zemunik chip set up Panikos

Tofari who couldn't time his swipe at the ball and missed it altogether.

In the 78th minute, Harris played the best long ball I've seen in a season. It must have travelled over 50 metres and caught the JUST defence completely off-guard. The ball landed at the feet of Andrew Theocarous who cut it back to John Bitsonis whose first timer sailed over the bar.

Caulfield took over and completely dominated the extra time period.

In the first minute, a Tofari lay-off set up Bitsonis whose free drive was parried by

Zoran Nikitic who gathered the ball at the second attempt.

Zemunik burst through onto an Angle Filippou pass in the 10th minute and faced Nikitic but the JUST keeper spread himself well and effected a tremendous save. It was the best chance of the match up to that point.

Five minutes into the second half of extra time, a Zemunik lay-off set up Filippou whose shot struck the bar with Nikitic's best effort rebound fell to Bitsonis who tried a first time overhead kick but sent the ball well over.

Three minutes later a through ball set up a race between Filippou and Nikitic.

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* Footscray JUST defender Tom Karic (left) is about to trip Caulfield star John Bitsonis and give away a penalty. Danny Zemunik missed his attempt to convert but it didn't matter. Caulfield ran out a shock 2-0 winner, advancing to the Ricoh Dockerty Cup semi-finals.



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Junior NISL Comps in '87

At a recent meeting of the James Hardie NISL Committee, it was decided that the 1987 competition be expanded to 12 teams to include Adelaide and Perth.

It also decided that two junior levels be included, that is, each club will be represented by a senior team, a youth team and a junior youth team.

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation president, Joe Brent, said this move was decided to create depth and continuity for each team in the league.

The NISL Committee further decided that in 1987 a franchising and/or licensing system will be made available for each of the senior league teams. Brent added that the cost of the two junior leagues will be borne equally by the AISF and the NISL.



Geelong's five Australian representatives, back row: Ross Hay (under-14), Vlado Semjaniv (under-17), Jason McAuliffe (under-14). Front: Robbie Nogger (under-17), Fortunato "Lucky" Intrurisi. Photo courtesy of Geelong Advertiser.

The Valley girls eye the championship

The Latrobe Valley women's squad has always been strong at State level and has won the last two State titles.

This year, the side is the strongest it has been since the introduction of indoor soccer into the Valley.

The team has a good blend of youth, experience and versatility. Several of the mem-

bers are capable of playing in more than one position and the squad has many qualities in that it has players who are exciting on the ball, who are

solid in the tackle, possess great shooting skills and good leadership qualities.

The squad is:

NARELL KAY: The baby

of the squad who, however, possesses as much experience as those older than her. Can play anywhere but excels as a midfielder. Can bob up and

score decisive goals. Good at winning the ball.

LIZ DAVIS: Leads by example and gives 100 percent. Scores goals frequently. Has a lot of ability, strong and quick. A good thinker with leadership qualities.

JUDY BUHAGIAR: Elder stateswoman of the side. Solid in the tackle. Plays in defence but loves to move forward every opportunity she can and shoot from a distance. A good talker.

TANYA BEATON: Alongside her friend Susan Lloyd, potentially the best goalkeeper in the state. Has worked very hard at her game. Courageous, and good reflexes. Has a good attitude and gives the defence confidence.

CAROL CHURCH: Has to be the find of the year. Has played only 14 matches and adapted extremely quickly. Very strong and fast. Possesses a powerful, canon-like shot with Liz Davis provides a very lethal attack.

MELINDA DAVEY: Can play anywhere and always gives her best. Excellent attitude and works hard at her game. Goes about her business quietly and efficiently. She plays in defence but very capable of scoring goals. Able to score long-range goals.

SUSAN LLOYD: Experienced goalkeeper. She was selected to try out for the Australian Women's side. Good handling combined with quick reflexes. Has worked hard at her game. She is a good talker.

SUZANNE CASSAR: Has now developed a preference for playing in defence. Likes to come forward and score goals. Very sharp and strong. Works very hard and trains the way she plays.



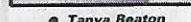
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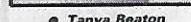
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ΓΙΑ ΠΡΩΤΗ φορά στη διοργάνωση του Βικτόριαν Αγώνα Κατ θα μείνουν στον τελικό δύο ελληνικές μας ομάδες!

Είναι ο Πέλοπος από την Δ' κατηγορία και το Κλίφτον ΧΙΑ που τελείωσε στην 2η θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακας της Γ' κατηγορίας και από τη νέα σαιζόν θα αγωνίζεται στην Β' κατηγορία.

Έτσι το Κύπελλο του Βικτόριαν για το 1986 έγινε ελληνική υπόθεση. Οι δύο ομάδες μας ανέβαιναν σε 56 συλλόγους κατηγοριαν δύο από τα οποία στον μεγάλο τελικό αρών υψηλούν ισχυρός αντιπάλους και μάλιστα από ανώτερες κατηγορίες.

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ΣΤΟ γήπεδο του Νορθρούμπικ πάρκου έγιναν και οι δύο ημιτελείσιοι αγώνες.

Ο Πέλοπος στα πένατα κατέβηρε να πάρει το εισιτήριο για τον τελικό κάνοντας και την μεγάλη έκπληξη. Έτοιμος ήταν ο ρεφέρ ΙΩΝΗΣ ΣΤΟΙΧΟ Κ.Θ.Θ.Θ.Ε. θετικά του βοήθησαν οι επόπτες: Κ.Κ.ΒΑΒΑΡΟ και ΔΙΑΣ.

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ΠΑΙΖΟΝΤΑΙ μεγάλη μπάλα το Κλίφτον ΧΙΑ καθηφάνε και στα 90 λεπτά της συνέτησης την Αλτόνα Γκαΐτη της Α' κατηγορίας και πήρε δίκαια τη νίκη 3-1 και το εισιτήριο για τον τελικό.

Η νικήτρια σωσθή σε δύο τον αγώνα δημοσίες εντυπωσίες δείχνουντας την αναμερισμένη αξία της βάσινας για μια ακόμη φορά φίλαρτα σε δύοντας κακόπιστους είχαν προβλέψει στην αρχή της σαιζόν τον καταποντισμό της.

Το αποτέλεσμα δεν διλατά έως και το 90' και παλήνει ποράτσαν αλλά το σύντομα έγινε στο I-ο.

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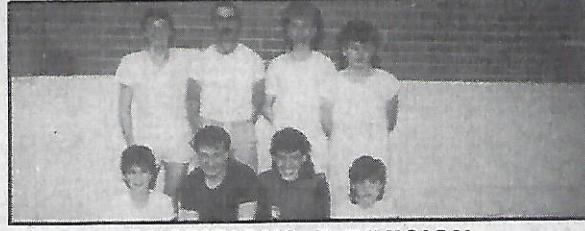
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